

HEPTON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

W. SMITH, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.

for the Year

1968

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Hepton R.D.C.

Medical Officer of Health

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

S.F. SCHOFIELD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H. (commenced 1.7.68)

Senior Public Health Inspector

W. SMITH, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.

West Riding County Council

Preventive Medical Services: Health Division 18

Staff with duties in the Hepton Rural District.

Divisional Medical Officer - As above (M.O.H.)

Senior Departmental Medical Officer -

* S. F. SCHOFIELD, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H. (commenced 1.7.68)

Departmental Medical Officer -

* W.C. McKerr, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

School Dental Officer -

Vacant

Divisional Nursing Officer -

C. J. BARKER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., Queen's Nurse

Health Visitors

* M. WILD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Queen's Nurse

* K. BURTON, S.R.N., H.V. Cert.

Assistant Health Visitor

* E. A. HELLIWELL, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor -

* B. G. NICHOLL, S.R.N.

Mental Welfare Officer

* R. ALLEN, R.N.M.S.

* C. E. DUFFY, S.R.N., R.N.M.S.

Midwives

* M. A. THOSBY, S.C.M.

Home Nurses

* S.A.M. LEEDER, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse

* Also have duties in other parts of the Division

± Part time

Senior Divisional Clerk

H. MARSHALL, A.C.I.S., A.R.S.H.

Deputy Senior Divisional Clerk

Miss J. SUFCLIFFE (Retired 5.5.68)

Clerks

Miss P. Jackson (retired 8.4.68), Mrs. M. Redfern,
Miss M.J. Crowther, Miss S.M. Horsfall, Mrs. A. Duffield (nee Fielden)
Mrs. S.E. Maynard (resigned 29.2.68), Miss K. Gill,
K.G. Holland, Miss J. Marshall (resigned 21.6.68)
Mrs. L.F. Clarke (commenced 9.4.68), Miss L. Noble (commenced
29.7.68), Mrs. J. Sanderson (commenced 4.12.68)

Halifax Area Hospitals Management Committee

Consultant Staff

Chest Physician:

BERTRAM MANN, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon:

W.M.S. IRNSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.A.C.C.P.

Ophthalmic Surgeon:

S.B. DAVIES, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.O.

Orthopaedic Surgeon

G. HYMAN, M.B., F.R.C.S.

The Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre,
Todmorden.

December, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report for 1968, the twenty-second since the inception of the scheme of Divisional Administration. As this was in the time of my predecessor, being two years before my appointment, my comments will be mainly general and concerned with the vital statistics of the area.

Your Medical Officer of Health, as well as having similar functions in the other seven districts, was responsible for the day to day administration of the West Riding County Council's Local Health Services in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer to the combined Brighouse and Todmorden divisions. In July of 1968 Dr. Schofield was appointed Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population was 3570 indicating that the trend towards a slight decrease observed over the previous few years had apparently halted. However, a further detailed study of the statistics reveals a sharp drop in the number of births during the year to 33, two of which were stillbirths. Fortunately, to off-set the effects of this variable birth rate the infant mortality figures were excellent, there being no wastage of infant life. Moreover, there was also a marked decrease over the previous years in the total number of deaths. Fifty per cent of the deaths were due to diseases of the heart and circulation and a further twenty five per cent due to cancer of various types. Deaths from diseases of the respiratory system also contributed considerably to the total during the year. It need hardly be emphasised that cigarette smoking has a detrimental effect in all three of these major categories and the conclusion to be drawn must surely be obvious to all.

One case of non pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during the year and only two cases of measles.

Sections II and III of the report deal in detail with the general provision of health services and the County preventive health services. The report of Mr. Smith, Public Health Inspector, gives full coverage of the work with environmental aspects which was carried out during the year.


Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the department I would like to express thanks to you and the members of the staff for the kindness and courtesy shown throughout the year.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

S. H. BROCK, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.



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SECTION I.

Vital Statistics

Statistics -

Area: 21,769 acres.

Population: Registrar-General's estimate of Resident

Population, mid-1968: 3,570

1961 Census: 3,682

Number of dwelling houses: 1,613

Rateable Value: £92,004 (1.4.68)

Product of a Penny Rate: £357 (1968-69)

Summary of Vital Statistics -

	TOTAL	M	F	
Live Births *	31	19	12	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 8.7
Still Births *	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 61
Total Live & Still Births *	33	20	13	
Deaths of infants				Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:
Under 1 year (Total)	-	-	-	total Nil
Under 1 year (legitimate)	-	-	-	legitimate Nil
Under 1 year (illegitimate)	-	-	-	illegitimate
				(per 1,000 illegitimate live births) Nil
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	Neo-natal Mortality Rate Nil
Under 1 week	-	-	-	Early neo-natal mortality rate Nil
Illegitimate Live Births *	1	1	-	Percentage of total live births 3.2%
Maternal Deaths (associated with pregnancy or child- birth)	-	-	-	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & still births Nil
All Deaths	34	18	16	Death Rate per 1,000 population 9.5

* These figures include births outside the Rural District to mothers usually resident in Hepton.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HEPTON RURAL DISTRICT - 1968

		M.	F.
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	5	3
B20	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	9	-
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	2
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	1	3
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	1
B32	Pneumonia	-	3
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	1
B33(2)	Asthma	1	-
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
B249	Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1968:

Based on Registrar General's Figures

	Hepton R.D.	Hebden Royd U.D.	Todm'den M.B.	Sowerby Br'ge U.D.	Rip'den U.D.	Aggregate W. Riding U.D.	W. Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provisional Figures)
BIRTH RATE:- (per 1,000 estimated population)	8.7	15.0	15.8	19.9	15.0	17.5	17.6	16.9
DEATH RATES:- (All per 1,000 estimated home population).								
All Causes	9.5	18.0	15.2	14.2	15.0	12.3	11.6	11.9
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	0.11	0.13	-	-	0.03	0.03	0.03
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cancer	2.24	2.83	2.66	2.99	3.24	2.25	2.14	2.32
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1.12	3.51	2.09	1.50	1.62	1.89	1.76	* *
Heart & circulatory diseases + Respiratory Diseases:- ‡	3.64	7.69	6.27	5.99	6.07	4.64	4.34	* *
(excluding tuberculosis of resp- iratory system)	1.68	2.38	1.84	1.80	2.02	1.74	1.66	* *
INFANT MORTALITY:- (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	-	22.6	36.1	27.0	54.1	19.7	18.5	18.3
MATERNAL MORTALITY:- (Deaths of mothers associated with pregnancy or childbirth per 1,000 live and still births)	-	-	-	-	-	0.09	0.09	0.24

+ Combined death rate from heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system.

‡ Combined death rate from influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases,
excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system.

SECTION 11

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

A. Hospitals

There is no hospital in Hepton Rural district. Patients requiring hospital treatment are referred as a rule to hospitals under the administration of the Halifax Hospitals Management Committee (National Health Service). Included in this group are the Halifax General Hospital, Royal Halifax Infirmary, St. John's Hospital (for the aged and chronic sick), Northowram Hall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Todmorden Fielden Hospital (for long stay medical cases in children) and Todmorden Stansfield View Hospital for mentally sub-normal patients.

Maternity beds are available at the Halifax General Hospital. Priority in booking is given to abnormal cases, mothers expecting their first child, and mothers with unsatisfactory home conditions.

Special hospitals (e.g. Mental Hospitals, special Orthopaedic Hospitals, Tuberculosis Sanatoria, etc.) outside the Halifax area are available when required; they are situated in various parts of the so-called "Leeds Hospital Region" which in fact extends into all three Ridings.

B. Ambulance Service

The County Council took over the control of the ambulance service towards the end of 1947. The area served by the Todmorden Ambulance Depot now includes most of the Hepton Rural District, but those parts adjacent to Luddenden are served by Halifax Corporation Ambulance Service under an agency agreement.

C. Laboratory Facilities

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service (directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health) at central laboratories in Wakefield and Bradford and by the Regional Blood Transfusion Service at Leeds.

D. Issue of Anti-Toxin etc.

Supplies of diphtheria and tetanus anti-toxin are available at the Northowram Hall Hospital and the Royal Halifax Infirmary for issue to medical practitioners requiring them. By arrangement with the Regional Hospital Board supplies of tetanus anti-toxin are also kept at the Divisional Health Office, The Medical Centre, Todmorden, for the use of medical practitioners in the division. A supply of reagents for diphtheria and whooping-cough immunisation is also available free of charge to private practitioners who have undertaken to participate in the West Riding County Council's schemes of immunisation. Poliomyelitis vaccine is also issued in accordance with approved arrangements.

SECTION 111

W.R.C.C. Preventive Health Services

A. Clinics and Treatment Centres

There are no clinics or treatment centres in the Hepton Rural District, but mothers and children resident in the area attend the Pitt Street Clinic, Hebden Bridge.

B. Care of Mothers and Young Children

Home Visiting of Infants

Total number of live births to Hepton & Hebden Royd mothers....	164	
Number of first visits to children under 1 year	143	*
Total number of visits to children under 1 year	-	*
1st		
Total number of ^{1st} visits to children aged 1 - 2 years	139	*
Total number of ^{1st} visits to children aged 2 - 5 years	209	*

*Hebden Royd & Hepton

Provision of Welfare Foods, etc.

National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice, etc. are distributed at the Centre and a variety of brands of dried milk and other infant foods are sold at the Child Welfare Centre for the convenience of mothers.

Care of Premature Infants

Special equipment and nursing staff are available for use in the homes in cases requiring them.

Provision of Maternity Outfits

These are provided free to mothers preparing for confinement in their own homes.

C. Professional Nursing in the Home

The West Riding County Council employs a Home Nurse who resides at her own home in , Hebden Bridge, and her area includes the Hepton Rural District.

A whole time midwife resides in her own home in Hebden Bridge and serves Hebden Bridge as well as the Hepton R.D. area.

Number of confinements at home 10

Number of confinements in hospital 23

Analgesia

The midwife is trained in the administration of trilene and gas and air analgesia, and is provided with the necessary equipment. Analgesia is available to all mothers desiring it subject to satisfactory medical examination.

D. Health Visiting

The duties of the Health Visitor are combined with those of the School Nurse. In pursuance of the National Health Service Act the scope of this service includes home visiting for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of children and persons (including adults) suffering from illness and/or expectant and nursing mothers. The Health Visitor also gives advice in the home as to measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

E. Home Helps

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, the County Council provide domestic help for households "where such help is required

owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age".

During 1968, 24 cases were attended by Home Helps, and the total number of hours worked was 3112

F. Care and After Care

Special provisions are in operation for the care and after care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defect, venereal disease, and other illnesses.

G. School Health Service

Number of schools in the district 3
 Number of children in attendance at school at end of 1968 ...199
 Number of children examined at school during 1968 68
 Routine examinations 35
 Re-examinations 33
 Number of above children referred for treatment 4

H. Immunisation and Vaccination

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, immunisation against diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox may be done either at the Clinic or by the family doctor

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

- (i) Number of children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation 1968

Age at 31.12.68
i.e. born in year

Completed
injections 1968

0-1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5 1963	6 1962	7 1961	8 1960	9 1959	10-14 1954-1958
3	16	2	1	-	-	3	2	5	3	2

Total 37

	1964	Children born in years 1957/63 1954/58	Total
No. who received a re-inforcing injection during the year 1968	-	2	2

- (11) Number of Children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation at any time to 31.12.68

Age at 31.12.68 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5 to 9 1959-63	10 to 14 1954-58	Total Under 15
No. immunised	3	38	44	21	39	221	208	574

WHOOPIING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Number of children in Hepton who completed a full course of Whooping Cough Immunisation, 1968:

Age at final injection	Under 6 mths	6 mths to 1 year	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	Over 4	Total
No. Immunised	-	3	6	2	1	2	14

- (ii) Number of children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a course of immunisation at any time up to 31.12.68

Age at 31.12.68 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1968	1 1967	2 1966	3 1965	4 1964	5-9 1959-63	10-14 1954-58	Total
No. immunised	3	37	43	20	38	213	157	511

During the year there were no cases of Whooping Cough notified.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

During 1968 vaccinations against smallpox were notified as follows:-

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15 yrs or over	Total
No. vaccinated	-	20	5	-	-	25
No. re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	4	4

SECTION IV

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Summary of Notifications received in year 1968

<u>Disease</u>	Total Cases Notified.
Scarlet fever	-
Whooping Cough	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Measles	2
Diphtheria.....	-
Dysentery	-
Meningococcal infection	-
Acute Pneumonia	-
Smallpox	-
Acute encephalitis	-
Enteric or typhoid fever	-
Paratyphoid fevers	-
Erysipelas	-
Food Poisoning	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	-
Other forms of tuberculosis	1

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Tuberculosis

The following table gives at a glance the position regarding tuberculosis in Hepton in 1968 :-

	Respiratory			Non-Resp.			Ttls.
	M	F	Ttl.	M	F	Ttl.	
No. on Register on 1.1.1968	4	3	7	-	-	-	7
No. first notified dur. 1968	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
No. of cases restored to register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases entered in Register other than by notification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. removed from register during 1968:-							
(a) Died	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
(b) Removed from district	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Recovered	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
No. remaining on Register 31.12.68	3	2	5	-	1	1	6

HEPTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report

of the

Public Health Inspector

Year Ending 31st December, 1968.

Health Department,
Holme House,
Hebden Bridge.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Hepton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1968, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members for the help and assistance they have given me in the carrying out of my duties.

I would also like to express my thanks to Dr. N.E. Gordon, the Medical Officer of Health, for his advice and help.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Yours respectfully,

Walter Smith, M.A.P.H.I.,
Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

Water Supplies

The public water supply for the district is administered by The Calderdale Water Board.

1074 dwelling houses in the district are supplied with water from public mains, 11 houses having been connected during the year.

Public mains water is available to about 80% of the properties, about 66% are connected.

Water Sampling

	/ from private supplies
Number of water samples taken for bacteriological examination during the year	2
Result:	Satisfactory

Drainage and Sewerage

1267 of the dwelling houses in the district are connected to public sewers, and 43 are provided with satisfactory private drainage. The remainder having unsatisfactory arrangements, there being no proper disposal facilities in most cases.

Sewers are still required in parts of the Parishes of Heptonstall, Erringden and Blackshaw.

A scheme is awaiting approval to sewer Shaw Croft Hill and Far Shaw Croft, Wadsworth - 10 premises.

A scheme is in preparation to sewer Blackshawhead - 61 premises

Sanitary Accommodation

Number of houses provided with water closets	1275
" " " " " water closets	Nil
" " " " " chemical or pail closets	341
Number of earth closets etc. converted to water closets	13

A grant of half the reasonable cost is made in respect of each conversion of a pail or privy closet to a w.c.

Public Cleansing

Public Cleansing and Salvage Collection was satisfactorily maintained throughout the district, during the year, refuse being collected weekly in the villages and hamlets, from the sparsely populated parts monthly and remote farms on request.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Wadsworth.

The sewage collected weekly from pail closets is disposed of into the public sewer at Pecket Tip, Wadsworth.

Number of dustbins provided to properties during the year	Nil
Number of renewals made under the Council scheme	64
Number of paper sack holders provided to properties during the year ..	299
Total of paper sack holders now in use	750

Housing

Number of dwelling houses in district	1613
Number of houses included in above (a) Back to back	138
(b) Single back	106

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year	16
No. of houses demolished	7
No. of unfit houses closed	Nil
No. of houses made fit (a) After Informal action	2
" " " " (b) After formal action	Nil
No of unfit houses in Temporary use	Nil

Rent Act 1957

No action was required during the year.

New Dwellings

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:

By Local Authority: Nil By Private Enterprise: Nil

Grants for Conversion or Improvement of Houses

(a) Conversions

No. of applicants Nil

(b) Improvements

No. of applications 21

No. approved 21

No. of dwellings completed 21

Advances made for Acquiring or Constructing Houses

No. advances made for Acquiring Houses 15

Nuisances

Notices for abatement of nuisances.

<u>Outstanding</u> <u>at 31.12. 67</u>	<u>Issued in</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Abated in</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>at 31.12.68</u>
Informal 2	8	9	1
Statutory -	-	-	-

No legal proceedings were taken.

Food Hygiene

No. of food premises in the area:-

Catering establishments 13

Bakehouses Nil

Food Shops 9

No. of Food premises registered

(a) Ice Cream

Manufacturers Nil

Retailers 3

(b) Sausages, Potted or Preserved Foods Nil

Meat Inspection

There are no slaughter houses in the district.

Milk
Biological Samples

No. of Samples taken for Brucellosis:

Ring Test: 97 No. Positive : 14 Culture Test: 40 No. Positive :9

Action taken in respect of positive samples

The Producer-Retailers were assisted in identifying the animals giving the infected milk, and was then required to exclude all milk from the animal from retail sales.

Clean Air Act 1956

There are 2 industrial smoke stacks in the district.
No action was required to be taken during the year.

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Moveable dwellings

There are no licensed caravan sites in the area and no caravans are individually licensed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

No. of Premises Registered	10
No. of visits made	6

<u>Routine Sanitary Inspections</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Fried Fish Shops	1
Shops.....	6
Schools	1
Public Houses	4
Factories	3
Public Conveniences	12
Drainage	24
Refuse Collection	20
Refuse Disposal	6
Water Supplies ,.....	6
Smoke Abatement	NIL

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of
the Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provision as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities				
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	9	3	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)				
TOTAL	9	3	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found: NIL

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork - Sections 133-134

Nature of Work (1)	SECTION 133				SECTION 134	
	No. of Out- workers in August List required by Sec.110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Pro- secutions for failure to supply lists	No. of inst ances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (Making etc., cleaning and washing)	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

